

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE**  
**And the**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, EASTERN LAND OFFICE**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated cooperative fire suppression operation on this fire and to describe the cost division. This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Statewide Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement #05-FI-11015600-014 executed between the parties in 2005.

**General Fire Information:**

Incident Name: Knowlton Complex

Fires included in the Knowlton Complex

Anderson	MT-EAS-00010
DRGA	MT-EAS-00006
Laney	MT-EAS-00008

Origin: Township 7N Range 53E Section 29

Estimated Size: 6,970 acres at the time of this agreement

Incident Start Date and Time: August 21, 2008, 1700 hrs

Incident Cause: Lightning

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Fire #	Accounting Code
MT DNRC	MT-EAS-00011	84202
BLM		EHX4

Cost Share Period: This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

State date/time: August 21, 2008, 1700 hrs

End date/time: August 31, 2008, end of incident, 1800 hrs

**Command Structure:**

Overall direction of this incident will be by the command structure indicated (mark one):

- ☒ **Unified Command**  
☐ **Single Command.**

**Principal Contacts.**

The following personnel are the principal contacts:

IMT Position	Name
Incident Commander	Doug Williams
Finance Section Chief	Becky Shepard

**Agency Representatives:**

Agency:	Name	Title
MT DNRC	Rick Strohmeyer	ELO Area Manager
	Pam Okon	Incident Business Advisor
BLM	Debbie Johnson	Associate Field Manager
	Eric Lepisto	Acting Fire Management Officer

**Protection Agencies**

USDI BLM for USDI BLM Lands

MT DNRC for Custer County (State and Private lands) through the County Cooperative Agreement

**Special Management Operational Conditions:**

None

**Cost Share Methodology:**

Cost Share by Acre - Resources utilized across all areas was considered equal for the entire complex. This methodology is based on percentage of acres burned within each direct protection area.

6,970 *Total acres* burned

Acres burned within State and Private protection area: 5,399 or 77% of total acres burned

Acres burned within BLM protection area: 1,571 or 23% of total acres burned

These percentages (77% and 23%) are applied to the total actual costs of the fire.

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Acreage Share:
  - a. State - 77%
  - b. BLM - 23%

**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
2. Aircraft costs are included in cost share at the final agency apportionment.
3. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged in the unified fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
4. Responsibility for tort claim costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.

5. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement.
6. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
7. Shared rehab costs include: rolling the burms, fence repair, water bars and assuring the two-track roads are drivable.
8. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
9. Per the Montana Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs.

**Signatures of Authorized Personnel & Attachments:**

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

List any attachments here: Map with perimeters for the 3 fires

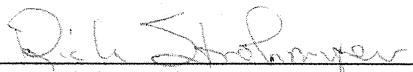
**Original Agreement: XX**

Supplemental Agreement: Number \_\_\_\_\_ Supersedes Agreement # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: MT DNRC Eastern Land Office

Address: PO Box 1794

City, State Zip: Miles City, MT 59301

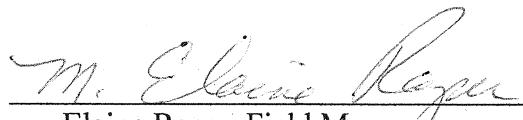
Signature:   
Rick Strohmeyer, Area Manager

Date: 8-29-08

Agency Name: USDI BLM Miles City Field Office

Address: 111 Garryowen

City, State Zip: Miles City, MT 59301

Signature:   
Elaine Raper, Field Manager

Date: 8/29/08